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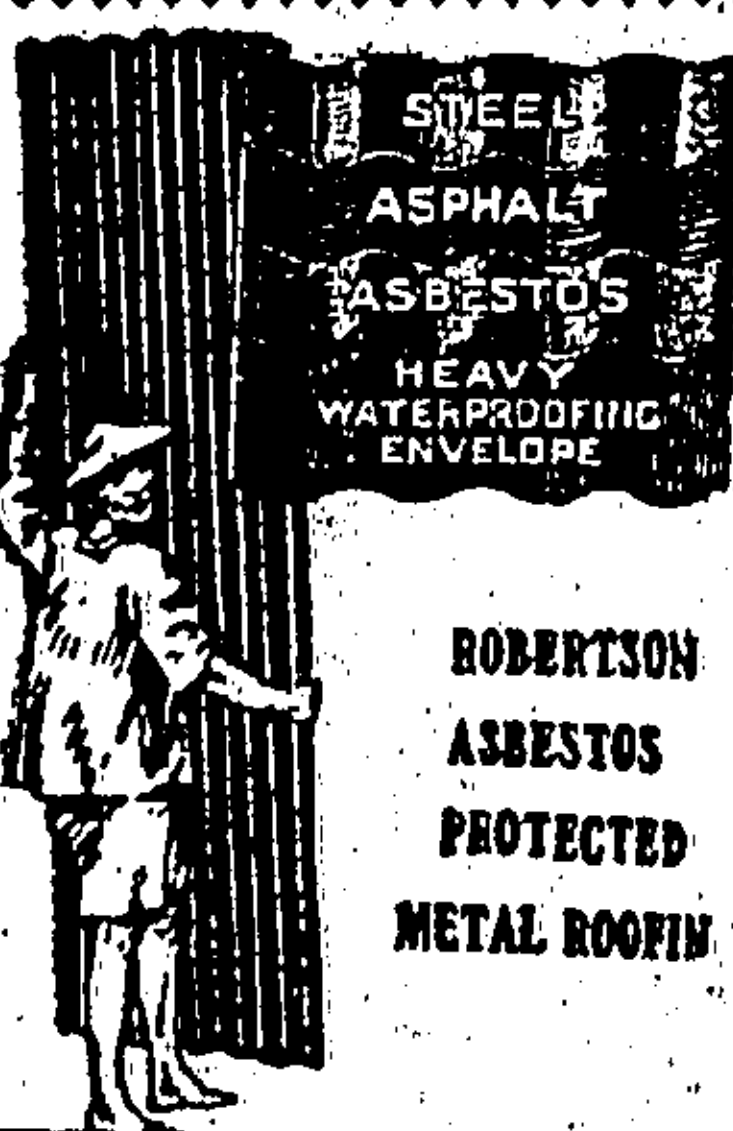
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CANTON'S BOYCOTT.

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WHY NEGOTIATIONS FAILED.

Sir A. Chamberlain Praises Hongkong.

An important statement in regard to the anti-British strike and boycott in Canton was made in the House of Commons by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who referred to the recent negotiations for a settlement; expressed his admiration for the resource and courage of the British communities of Hongkong, Canton, and Swatow; explained why it is not advisable to despatch a Special Commissioner to Canton; and asserted that he was still giving the whole question his closest consideration.

SINISTER INFLUENCES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, made a statement on the situation in China in the House of Commons to-day. He said that His Majesty's Government was giving careful and constant attention to the serious problem arising out of the anti-British strike and boycott in Southern China. At the beginning of the year it seemed likely that the negotiations between Hongkong and Canton would be successful. They had, unfortunately, broken down in a manner which must make it clear to the rest of China and, indeed, to the whole world that the Government of Canton was for the time being under influences so blindly anti-British that they were not open to reasonable settlement.

Our Friendly Policy.

The position in the rest of China was different. The policy of the British Government, having been dictated by a sincere desire to promote friendly relations with the Chinese people, and being inspired by their legitimate aspirations, this attitude of patience and conciliation was bearing fruit in the slow but steady restoration of friendship and good will between the British and Chinese peoples. The trade conditions in the Yangtze Valley were now improving, and would be equally improving in North China if it were not for civil war, whilst order was being re-established.

Communists Busy.

There were many signs that these lawless actions were directly attributable to Communist activities, which had disgusted all sections of the Chinese people, who were very far from approving the actions of the extremist section in Canton. This, feeling would doubtless spread, unless the intervention of the foreign Powers strengthened the extremists and the aggressive.

Hongkong Praised.

"Meanwhile," Sir Austen Chamberlain continued, "I must be allowed to express my admiration for the resource and courage with which the British Colony of Hongkong and the British communities of Canton and Swatow have faced so serious a situation. The whole question has recently been examined anew and most carefully by the Foreign Office in conjunction with our representatives in China, and I shall continue to give it my closest attention."

NO COMMISSIONER.

(Reuters Service.)

London, Feb. 10.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying to supplementary questions, said that he did not think, in view of the anti-British influences work-

MEXICAN LAWS.

BRITISH MINISTER LODGES PROTEST.

SIMILAR TO AMERICAN.

(Reuters American Service.)

Washington, Feb. 10.

It is understood that Mr. Edmund Ovey, the British Minister to Mexico, has lodged a formal protest with the Mexican Foreign Office against the anti-alien laws and Petroleum Laws. The protest, it is reported, is substantially in line with that made by the United States.

MORE TOURISTS.

S.S. "FRANCONIA" DUE HERE SHORTLY.

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The s.s. "Franconia," one of the Cunard Fleet, is due to arrive at Hongkong on March 21, on her third cruise-de-luxe round the world. The cruise commenced from New York on January 14, and in her circuit of the globe a call is made at the following places: Funchal, Gibraltar, Monaco, Naples, Athens, Alexandria, Port Said, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chin Wang Tao, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, San Pedro, Balboa, Cristobal, and Havana, thence to New York. The total distance covered will be over 30,000 miles extending over four and a half months.

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CONTEMPT OF COURT.

ACTIVITIES WHICH HINDERED THE LAW.

TINY DEFENDANTS.

The activities of the white ants who have dared to interfere with the smooth working of the administration of justice in the Supreme Court are to be effectively checked. For some months the three huge circles of electric bulbs suspended from the ceiling have given a certain amount of trouble. It has only needed the vibration from a passing train or car, or a passer by in the corridor, for them so far to forget themselves as to wink simultaneously.

For such contempt of court they were marked down for attention but it has not hitherto been possible to get on which the work owing to pressure of court work. As the Supreme Court has now no sitting until the 22nd, advantage is being taken of the interval, scaffolding having been erected in the court and a dozen or more workmen engaged in the work. It was discovered that the industry of the white ants had led to the inconvenience to which the court was put, an important connection having been rendered imperfect and inoperative when subject to vibration.

A Government ambulance was damaged when it collided with a tram car at Des Vaux Road yesterday.

Calendars advertising the well known products of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Ltd. of Bourneville, and Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons, Ltd. of Bristol have been received from John D. Hutchison and Co. who are the agents for these chocolate manufacturers. Cadbury's depicts a Chinese maiden of rank being attended by her maids and Fry's two young Chinese girls who recommend the products.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/4 7/16.

FERRY SUNK.

ILL-FATED "LEE FAT" LAUNCH.

HARBOUR INCIDENT.

About 1.30 this morning the local ferry steam-launch "Lee Fat" sank, close to the Fraya, a little beyond the Wing Lok (Macao steamer) wharf, but no life was lost.

Recently the launch had been on the ferry service between Hongkong and Deep Bay (Hau Ho). She returned yesterday about noon and should have left again at 5 a.m. to-day.

While secured by rope (to the bow) to the Fraya wall last night, the coxswain was awakened by the crew to find water rushing in over the stern. It is believed that the wind carried the launch towards the seawall with the result that the bow was lifted up through touching ground, while the stern receded into the harbour.

There was a pronounced list to port. The coxswain ordered the bunker coal to be shifted to starboard. When this was being done, the launch listed over to starboard and sank. The crew were rescued.

When a report was made this morning the launch was still secured by a rope, but was mostly under water.

Some months ago the "Lee Fat" was on the service to Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island) when she was pirated.

FUN OF THE FAIR.

A CHINESE AND HIS NEW GAME.

NOT A BENEFACTOR.

The fun of the fair was at its height yesterday in the case of a Chinese who was busy raking in the coppers with a novel form of game in which cigarettes and sweets were given away as prizes. A detective who was baffled by the man's good luck made a close investigation of the table and found a secret spring which enabled him to stop the revolving disc at any desired point.

With a smile on his face, the man informed the Magistrate this morning that he was only having a bit of fun. The Magistrate agreed that it was a delightful game, but said that he could not regard him as a public benefactor. A fine of \$2 was imposed for keeping a gaming table.

AFRICAN TRADE.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THREE SUB-COMMITTEES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

In connection with the opening of East African trade and an Information Office in London, the Colonial Secretary has appointed an Advisory Committee of gentlemen closely connected with East Africa. Lord Cranworth will be Chairman.

The Committee will operate mainly through three sub-committees. The first of these will deal with Kenya, the second with Uganda, and the third with the Tanganyika Territory, Zanzibar, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia.

WIRELESS DISPUTE.

MEETING OF BOTH PARTIES ARRANGED.

MINISTER'S EFFORT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

It was announced in the House of Commons that the Minister of Labour (Sir A. H. Steel-Maitland) had arranged a meeting of the two parties in the marine wireless dispute to take place at the Ministry of Labour this afternoon. The Minister said that he awaited the results of that meeting before taking further action.

A motor car driven by the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trevelyan was slightly damaged in a collision with a tram car near the Naval Yard yesterday.

Robbery is thought to be the motive for the suspected murder of the proprietor of an oil shop at Nam Tung Street Shamshui, on Tuesday night. The body bore marks of strangulation. An employee of the shop is reported to be missing.

CAFE INCIDENT.

EUROPEAN ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE.

WAITER CONVICTED.

Evidence was taken by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning in a charge of assault preferred against a Chinese waiter of the Victoria Café, Des Vaux Road Central.

The complainant, Mr. James Royston, Stuart, said that some dirty knives and forks were placed on the table when he went to have a drink along with his wife on Tuesday. Defendant took offence at a request to bring clean knives and attacked him with a knife in his hand. Complainant struck in self-defence and received a cut in his thumb.

Defendant pleaded that he misunderstood what was wanted and on asking complainant to repeat the order he was struck in the face. Complainant then tried to hit him with a flower pot. He denied attacking complainant with a knife.

A witness called by defendant stated that he was in the inner room and saw the complainant pushing the defendant away. Defendant remonstrated and was struck in the cheek. Witness took a knife away from defendant's hand, and there was a clamour by the waiters for complainant's arrest.

Defendant explained that the complainant attempted to get away without paying for his meal. Complainant's wife stated in evidence that she did not actually see defendant pick up a knife nor did she see her husband strike defendant.

The Magistrate held that the charge had been proved and sentenced defendant to one month's hard labour.

LATE MR. HELLSTROM.

DEATH OF CITY HALL LECTURER.

FOUND IN BATH.

The death of the Swedish Consul at Canton, Mr. C. Bertil Hellstrom, took place suddenly at his flat at No. 4, Banoo Buildings, Kowloon, late last night.

Mr. Hellstrom was in the Swedish Legation in Moscow from 1913 to 1918 and what he saw of developments in Canton since he took over the position he held at the time of his death led him to the belief that events would take place there similar to those which took place in Russia.

Speaking of what he saw whilst in Russia, Mr. Hellstrom stressed, at a public meeting in the City Hall on August 17, the dangers of applying the principles of Bolshevism to China. The meeting, which was presided over by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, was very well attended, some six hundred being present.

The facts relating to the death of Mr. Hellstrom are that he arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the afternoon boat from Canton and went straight to his flat. He was noticed going to his bathroom, and as he did not put in an appearance for an hour or so the "boy" went to the bathroom and found it still locked. Receiving no answer to his knocks the "boy" reported the matter and it was decided to break open the thick window. When this was done, Mr. Hellstrom was found collapsed in a full bath, life being extinct.

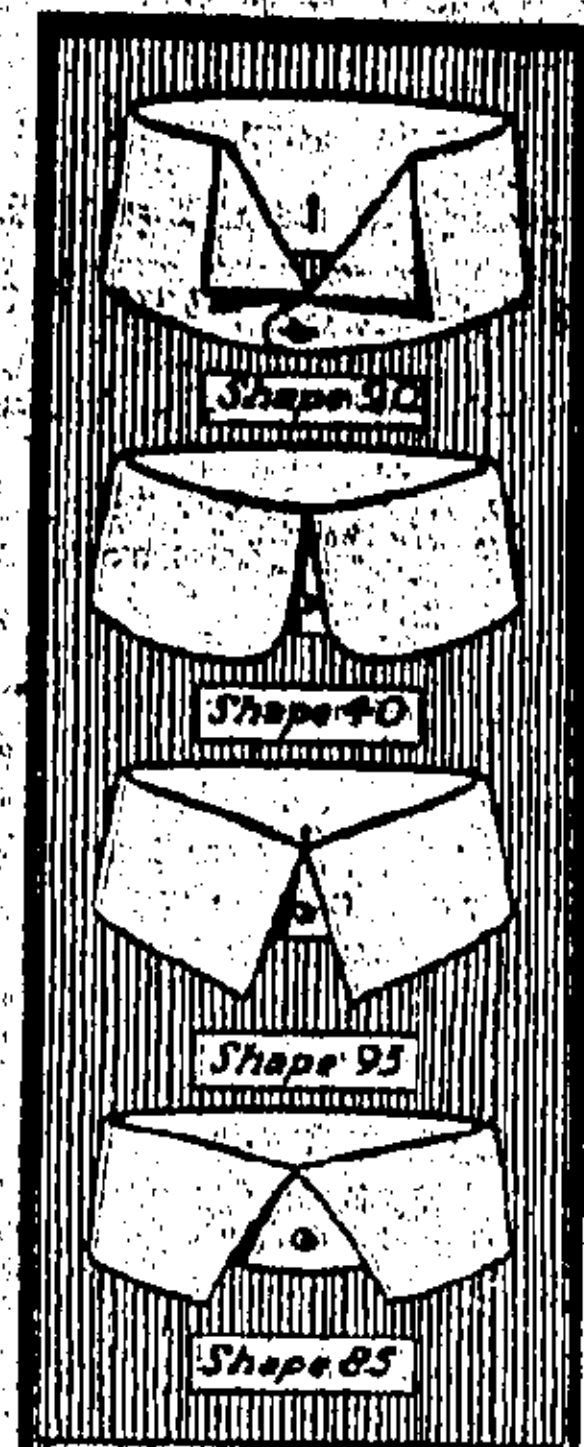
The late Mr. Hellstrom was a single man, his home being Norrköping, Sweden, where he is survived by his mother and father. He was not appointed to Canton direct from the Legation at Moscow but was attached to the firm of Gilman and Co., Ltd., Hongkong, for a few years prior to his appointment as Swedish consul at Canton, a position he had held for just over a year.

At the time of going to press, the arrangements for fixing the time of the funeral had not been completed as they are contingent on the completion of a preliminary examination into the circumstances to the satisfaction of the Coroner. It had been hoped that the funeral would take place to-day.

A terrier dog belonging to Mr. C. M. Castro, of St. Joseph's Building, Robinson Road, and showing symptoms of rabies, was taken to Kennedy Town for observation yesterday. Another dog, bit a Chinese boy in the leg and was also sent there.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

RUBBER MARKET.

Cabled Quotations From Singapore.

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Carrol Bros.)
Singapore, Feb. 10.
The rubber market is active. Raw rubber is now quoted at \$1.10 per lb.

Quotations are:—

	Straits.
Allenbys	\$ 3.35
Alor Gajah	2.40
Ayer Moleks	2.75
Ayer Panas	12.50
Balgownie	1.45
Bassett	1.70
Brogas	1.25
Bukit Jelutong	1.40
Bukit Katils	8.35
Changkat Serdangs	2.75
Comenaras	2.30
Glenagies	2.30
Indragiris	8.50
Jerams	1.60
Jimahs	2.15
Kedahs	3.80
Kempas	9.00
Kuala Sidims	4.10
Lunas	18.00
Malaka Pindas	2.90
Malakoffs	4.75
Mandai Tekongs	35
Mayfields	12.50
Ulu Benuts	80
New Serendabs	4.30
Nyalas	13.50
Pajams	13.00
Punggors	1.35
Sandycrofts	4.25
Soudais	3.15
Sungei-Bagans	5.00
Tampahs	28.50
Tambalaks	1.35
Telik Ansons	17.50
United Malaccas	2.80
Utian Simpans	4.85

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

Acting upon a suggestion made by the Negri Sembilan D.F.A. arrangements were made by the Central Pahang Planters' Association to hold a public meeting in Bentong with a view to passing the following resolution:—"That this meeting representative of all classes of the community is of opinion that it is essential to the future prosperity of the country that restriction of rubber export be permanently maintained." The Chinese Town Hall in which the meeting was held was packed. Mr. R. G. Young took the chair and spoke at some length on the aspects of the rubber position and the great danger there existed of the bottom falling out of the market if restriction, which had achieved so much, were removed while production was still in excess of consumption. Mr. Young's speech was ably translated in Chinese and Malay. The resolution was carried unanimously. It has been arranged to hold similar meetings in Raub, Kuala Lipis and Jerantut, the result of which will in due course be transmitted through the Central Pahang Planters Association to the Chief Secretary to Government.

SHARE REPORT.

The Singapore Market.

Singapore, Jan. 29. Messrs. Macphail & Co., Ltd., report:—

Rubber.—Local \$1.15½.
Rubbers.—Shares are firmer. Jerams are quoted 1.37½-1.42½ and Ulu Benuts 66-68 cents. New Soudais have buyers at 2.60, Glenagies at 2.15 and Colinsburghs at 4. United Malaccas are quoted 2.60-2.65 and Sungei Pindas 2.62½-2.67½. Bassett's are quoted 1.30-1.35 and Sungei Tukangs at 66-70 cents. Tampahs offer at 29 and Pajams at 14.75.

Mining.—Shares are quiet. Kundangs have buyers at 23.5, 6d., Raturs 10s. 9d., and K. L. Tins 31s. 9d. cum all. Nanyang Pets are quoted 1.52½-1.67½ and Johans 55-58 cents. Puchongs are quoted 1.57½-1.65 and Hitams 1.37½-1.45. Pengkalens offer at 16s. for arrival and Tekkas at 21s.

General.—Unchanged. Latest quotations despatched at 6.25 p.m. on 28th inst. by Henry Gardner and Co., Ltd. L. S. R.S.S. Spot in warehouse 2s. 9½d. C.I.F. London/New York 2s. 9½d. shipment February 2s. 9½d. L.S. Crepe 2s. 8½d. New York Spot landed 2s. 9½d. Market firm.

Poor Jimson had lost an arm in a train smash, and eventually his pal Jiligan came to visit him. "You will miss that arm awful, old chap," said Jiligan, mournfully, and added, "It's a big loss."

"I wish it had been the other," answered the injured one, just as mournfully. "Look at the fine tattoo I had on the one I lost!"

PEKING BONDS.

Reported Acceptance By Banks.

The Shanghai correspondent of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po" cables as follows:—

The Bank of China and the Communications Bank have undertaken to accept (for circulation) treasury bonds (of the Peking Government) to the value of \$1,000,000 each.

Three other banks (one of which is the Yien Yieh) will each take \$500,000.

However, money owing to the respective banks will be deducted (from the proceeds) so that the Ministry of Finance will only receive just on \$1,000,000.

"DOWN AND OUT"

What Some Americans Think.

The "Monthly Review" published by Barclay's Bank, commented last month on the impression in America that Britain was "down and out."

Striking evidence of this feeling in America was given in the report of Col. the Hon. F. Vernon Willey and Mr. Guy Locock, who visited the States on behalf of the Federation of British Industries. They stated:—

"We are well aware that conditions in England are far from satisfactory, that we are going through difficult times, and that a hard struggle is ahead of us. But in the United States, even in the most friendly disposed quarters, the general impression seems to be that England is definitely 'down and out.' All our difficulties are exaggerated, and the progress we have made towards reconstruction ignored. We are painted as being at the mercy of Communists. One hears that our plants are out-of-date, our methods antiquated, we cannot compete, our spirit has deserted us, and the British workman neither can nor will work. Not one man in a hundred realises that the 'Unemployment Insurance Scheme is a contributory system. They practically all regard it as a purely pauperising scheme of Government assistance, and they are totally unaware of the reasons and manner of operation of the scheme, and of the abnormal causes which have led to the present position."

"The foregoing may appear to be exaggeration, but we can declare with all sincerity that it is an accurate picture of what the majority of Americans think of England. Not only is this doing the prestige of Great Britain infinite harm, it is also losing us business, and, of that, we have definite proof. As an instance of this we learned that shortly before our arrival, one of the biggest buying concerns for general goods held a Conference of Directors and Managers to settle on their policy of foreign purchases during the next few months. They decided on a programme of three million dollars, but in view of their information as to the state of affairs in Great Britain they held that it was useless to attempt to obtain supplies from us, and they allocated only 75,000 dollars for purchases in England."

Continuing, the report says:—"This impression of the gradual decline of England is a catastrophe, and that it exists largely our own fault. The extracts from the British Press which find their way into the American papers, the articles written by some of our fellow-countrymen for the American Press, and the pessimistic way in which visitors from England to the United States describe the state of affairs at home, have all conspired to create a totally false impression in the American mind. The American is an optimist and he does not understand our national habit of self-depreciation, with the result that he takes all the pessimistic talk he hears as being the literal truth, and probably an under statement of the gravity of the situation."

During our visit we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity at public meetings and privately to dispel some of these false impressions, and to assure our American friends that Great Britain, although admittedly facing difficult times, was by no means on the point of throwing up the sponge. Such efforts at explaining the position are only a drop in the bucket, and we would most earnestly urge that some concerted steps should be

taken to bring the true facts of the case before the American public.

Commenting upon the report the "Monthly Review" says:—"It is an accepted fact that inflationary methods of finance lead, for a time, to commercial activity, and it is equally admitted that the sacrifices necessary for the restoration of a sound financial position may temporarily give rise to, or aggravate, a commercial depression. It is curious, however, that while the world at large seizes upon the fact that the ostensible prosperity prevailing in inflationary countries is transitory and artificial, the converse of the argument, although known, is frequently overlooked, with the consequence that, instead of appreciating that Great Britain's post-war difficulties have, to a considerable extent, been due to an admirable determination to build only upon solid foundations, there is a disposition, when discussing the depression which has prevailed in this country, to seek other explanations, usually inadequate and frequently unjustifiable. For this reason, it is very desirable that the above-quoted extract should receive the widest publicity."



W. A. HARRIMAN

W. A. Harriman, of New York, son of the late railroad king, and himself a shipping magnate, has been to Russia where he has a vast manganese concession in full operation.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 4 feet 3 inches and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 5 to 11, 1926.

		High Water	Low Water
		Standard Time	Height
Day	Hour	Time	Height
Fri.	1	1:19	1.15
Sat.	1	2:41	1.15
Sun.	1	4:03	1.15
Mon.	1	5:25	1.15
Tues.	1	6:47	1.15
Wed.	1	8:09	1.15
Thur.	1	9:31	1.15

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	Cls.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	32 24 12
" Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	32 23 12
" Corned	牛尾	lb.	32 23 12
" Roast	牛尾	lb.	32 24 22
" Breast	牛尾	lb.	30 20 18
" Soup	牛尾	lb.	28 20 18
" Steak	牛尾	lb.	32 24 22
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	45 30 36
" Sausages	牛尾	lb.	40 26 20
Bullock's Brains	牛尾	per set	15 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	80 50 60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	lb.	\$1.00 60
" Head	牛尾	lb.	15 14 14
" Heart	牛尾	lb.	20 18
" Hump, Salt	牛尾	lb.	12 10 12
" Feet	牛尾	lb.	15 10 12
" Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	25 20 22
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	22 18 14
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	12 6 7
" Tripe	牛尾	lb.	12 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	55 26
" Leg	羊排	lb.	55 26
" Shoulder	羊排	lb.	58 24
" Saddle	羊排	lb.	55
Pigs' Chittlings	猪排	lb.	40
" Brains	猪排	lb.	20 15
" Feet	猪排	lb.	40 15 18
" Fry	猪排	lb.	24 20
" Head	猪排	lb.	15 10 10
" Heart	猪排	lb.	12 10 8
" Kidneys	猪排	lb.	52 30 34
" Liver	猪排	lb.	42 26 23
Fork Chop	猪排	lb.	45
" Leg	猪排	lb.	43 28 27
" Loins	猪排	lb.	23 21
" Fat or Lard	猪排	lb.	20 90 60 70
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊排	per set	90 60 70
" Heart	羊排	each	15 8 7
" Kidneys	羊排	lb.	15 12 10
" Liver	羊排	lb.	55 23 25
" Sucking Pigs, to order	羊排	lb.	25 25 22
Suet, Beef	羊排	lb.	32 20 18
" Mutton	羊排	lb.	55 26 24
" Veal	羊排	lb.	36 20 19
" Sausages	羊排	lb.	40 20 20
" No. 1	羊排	lb.	32

Fish.

		lb.	25	19
Barbel	鰱魚		28	19
Bream	鰱魚		26	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	城魚		28	18
Carp	鯉魚		26	18
Catfish	鰱魚		20	12
Codfish	鰱魚		26	20
Crabs	蟹		50	28
Cuttle Fish	墨魚		18	16
Dab	鰱魚		55	23
Dace	黃鰱		20	10
Dog Fish	尾肚		10	10
Eels, Conger	鰻魚		23	16
" Fresh Water	水		23	10
" Yellow	黃鰱		75	28
Frogs	黃田石		80	32
Garoupa	白鰻		82	40
Gudgeon	白鰻		24	18
Herrings	白鰻		32	22
Halibut	白鰻		26	18
Labrus	黃鰱		34	22
Loach	黃鰱		85	22
Lobsters	蟹		60	32
Mackerel	鰱魚		30	20
Monk Fish	鰱魚		42	32
Mullet	鰱魚		38	18
Oysters	鰱魚		40	18
Parrot Fish	公		30	14
Perch	鰱魚		38	20
Pike	鰱魚		20	15
Plaice	鰱魚		72	25
Pomfret, Black	鰱魚		45	20
Pomfret, White	鰱魚		50	86
Prawns	鰱魚	\$1.00	14	10
Ray	鰱魚		82	13
Rock Fish	鰱魚		40	22
Roach	鰱魚		70	68
Salmon	鰱魚		10	8
Shark	鰱魚		18	10
Skate	鰱魚		60	25
Shrimps	鰱魚		50	82
Snapper	鰱魚		42	24
Soles	鰱魚		50	22
Tench	鰱魚		30	18
Turbot	鰱魚	\$1.40	40	22

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HAWAII MARU ... Thursday, 8th April
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
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TACOMA MARU ... Friday, 19th February
SENNOH MARU ... Tuesday, 23rd February
SINGAPORE—Direct.
SANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SANGKOK MARU ... Friday, 19th February
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Bangkok.
SANGKOK MARU ... Thursday, 25th February
BINGO MARU ... Thursday, 25th March
VICTORIA, KATLE, TAPOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Sunday, 17th February
JAWA MARU—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
JAWA MARU (From Koolang) ... Saturday, 13th February
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"KASHMIR"	8,935	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KEITH"	8,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,013	3rd April	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"DELTA"	5,087	15th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,006	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KEYBER"	9,114	16th June	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,000	17th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	5,087	17th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	6,089	20th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANPURA"	16,536	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"KEITH"	8,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	7,241	23rd Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"MOREA"	10,013	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KARMA"	6,089	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,141	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	5,087	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,006	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"KARMA"	6,089	20th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	5,087	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	6,089	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,935	25th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"RANPURA"	16,536	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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FROM NORTH CHINA.

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FROM SHANGHAI.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 9 at a.m. and is due here on Feb. 15 at a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver B.C. via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, at 5 a.m. on Feb. 19.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 7 and is due here on Feb. 20.

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Goods arrived per s.s. "Benorich" remaining undelivered after Feb. 15 will be subject to rent. Agents-Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Goods arrived per s.s. "City of Christiania" remaining undelivered after February 15 will be subject to rent. Agents-The Bank Line Ltd.

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Per A. O. L. s.s. "President Jackson" on Feb. 10:- Mr. W. B. Hollands, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. J. McCubbin, Mr. G. Rodger, Mr. F. Wheeler, Mr. C. C. Worth, Mr. G. Hayes, Mr. A. Mitchell, Mr. F. Humberstone, Mr. A. V. Gosano, Mr. E. Bristow, Mr. E. Butler, Mr. C. Mackelworth, Mr. B. Wyngne, Mr. A. R. Brittain, Mrs. R. E. Spurgeon, Miss M. Spurgeon, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. A. P. Bunney, Mr. S. W. Wong, Mr. Y. Y. Lam, Mr. C. C. Lau, Mr. K. C. Ng, Mr. Y. T. Lai, Mr. Y. T. Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Jessen, Mr. H. V. Stokely, Mr. J. C. Ross, Mr. C. P. Yick, Mr. P. C. Wong, Mr. W. T. Leung, Mr. K. S. Suen, Mr. K. I. Chan, Mr. K. W. Pang, Mr. K. Lau, Mr. P. L. Ng, Mr. W. I. Chan, Mr. C. L. Leung, Mr. K. B. Fong, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hee, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. John, Miss B. John, Miss E. John, Mrs. Ho, Mr. A. P. Mei, Mr. T. C. Kwok, Mr. C. A. Baco, Mr. T. Rawls, Mr. K. C. Lau, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Askren, Mrs. G. Candia, Judge and Mrs. B. S. M. E. G. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. S. Henderson, Mrs. R. Machado, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sasser, Mr. T. B. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swindle, Mrs. A. White, Mr. Yuichi Itoh, Mr. J. F. Arcilla, Mrs. E. H. Close, Mrs. E. Whitaker, Master R. Whitaker, Master P. Whitaker, Rev. L. C. Wolcott, Mr. P. Walcott.

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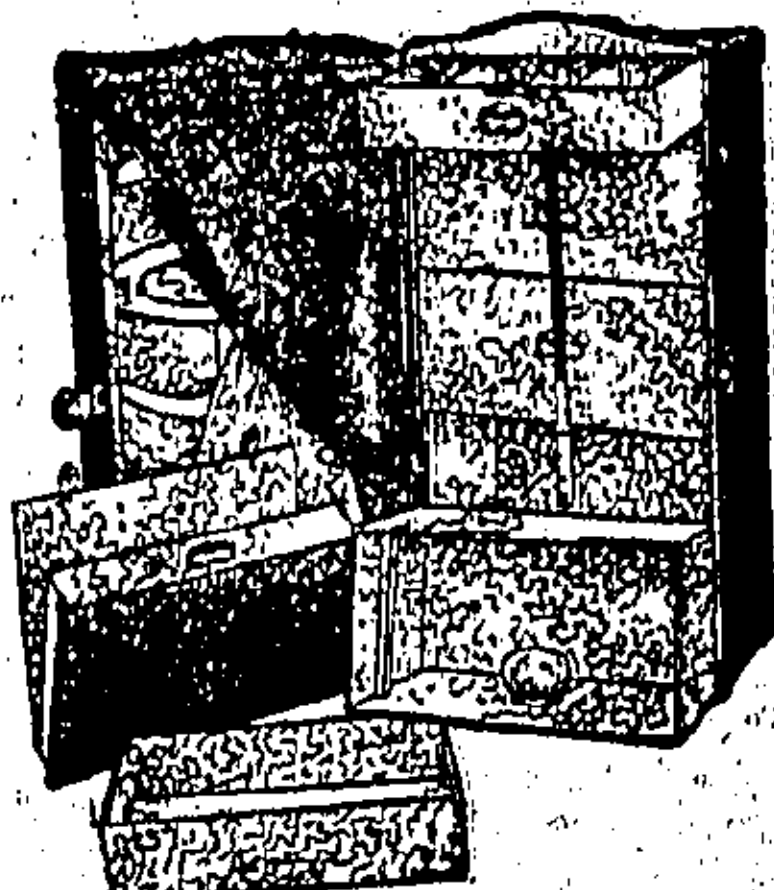
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AWAITING A NEW CHINA.

On a former occasion the opportunity was taken in this paper to single out for comment some pertinent utterances by Mr. Silas H. Strawn, the American delegate to the Conferences on Tariff and Extraterritoriality—utterances that rise far above the popular conception of representative American opinions on Chinese topics. Less than a month ago Mr. Strawn delivered a striking address to the students of Tsing Hua College, Peking, in the course of which he spoke with the engaging frankness characteristic of his countrymen. His words formed excellent propaganda material in every sense of the term. He told his hearers, for instance, that he has "thus far seen no convincing evidence that China's present-day troubles are in any degree attributable to the so-called unequal Treaties or to the Imperialistic attitude of the foreign Powers." On the contrary, Mr. Strawn stated that "the evidence seems to be overwhelming that the troubles of China are internal rather than external, and that unequal Treaties, extraterritoriality, tariff autonomy, and Imperialism are political slogans which are availed of by the agitators to excite the people of China into a frenzy of criticism and unrest."

Tactfully, Mr. Strawn proceeded to warn the students against accepting any of these slogans without a most careful study of the facts, and next referred to the part that America is prepared to play, quoting the U.S. Secretary of State's Note to the Chinese Foreign Office on September 3, 1925, which expressed a desire to assist China to realize her aspirations, but emphasized the necessity of giving concrete evidence of China's ability and willingness to enforce respect for the safety of foreign lives and property and to suppress disorders and anti-foreign agitation which embitter

feeling. Were there a stable Government in China the present problems would be easier of solution. There is too much war, and too many taxes to pay for war. As Mr. Strawn put it, "the solicitude of the other nations is that the tariff shall not be so high as to produce no revenue, and that the revenue thus produced shall not be dissipated by the war lords in futile and sanguinary wars." All of which brings us back to the old and oft-repeated saying that the easiest, surest, and most rapid way for China to embark on a truly prosperous era is by first ridding herself of the incubus of militarism and all other evils attendant thereon.

EMPIRE OVERSEAS.

It is, declares a writer in the Contemporary Review, no extravagant dream to visualise the Commonwealth as being, at some future day, the centre of power of the British Empire. No such area of land in the history of the world has ever been held by a group of people united by blood ties, and by domestic and national ideals, and among whom there has never been any real discord. To this group of people—small in numbers when they of the Commonwealth are taken into consideration—numbers are to be added. No "hangers-on," but stock of the right sort with a training to equip them for the vast possibilities to be found in Australia. The Prince of Wales' activities since he returned from his last tour are not without significance. Following on his stirring appeal for sojourners in different parts of the Empire, came the announcement of the establishment of a big Agricultural College—somewhat on the lines of the Hawkesbury College of Australia, to be directed by a former head of that institution—where young men are to be trained for life "down under." The Prince, we are told, "is taking a keen interest in emigration." He has visited the training centre referred to and made himself thoroughly acquainted with the course of instruction to be given. The Prince's interest in this important matter foreshadows an intensive campaign—not merely in the interest of the Dominions concerned and vast numbers of young men—but in the interests of the Empire itself. The policy of a "white" Australia has been rigorously maintained, but it is open to question how long such a policy can be maintained. If aggressive measures are not taken to people the place with British people, the Prince's interest will be found to be catching and the good that will result will prove again that E.R.H. like his illustrious grandfather, is Britain's best ambassador. A thriving Australia is not merely desirable in the interest of Australia itself. There is a growing trade between China and Australia, in which Hongkong takes part, not to be idly passed over. Australia now produces cotton and of course has been famous for her wool. The sugar cane is growing, fruit abounds. Cattle rearing is but another of the many things carried on in the Commonwealth. The progress of the scheme of training settlers of all classes will be watched with interest as a step in the consolidation of the Empire overseas.

SHIPPING SUBSIDY.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SILVER LINE.

AMERICA AND FAR EAST.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 10.

In the House of Lords, Baron Parmoor drew attention to the British subsidy under the Trade Facilities Act to the Silver Line. He said that its ships were undoubtedly employed in the trade between America and Singapore (Straits Settlements). There was a very large carrying trade in the four British lines between these points, besides Japanese ships and ships subsidised by the American Government, and at present there was more than the necessary shipping accommodation.

Boon to Shipbuilding.
Earl Plymouth, in replying, said that the Silver Line was given a loan of £1,177,000, of which the British Government guaranteed the principal and interest. The loan was granted upon the condition that almost the whole proceeds must be utilised in building the necessary ships in the United Kingdom for service between New York and the Far East. The orders had formed a great boon to shipbuilding yards. He pointed out that there was a divergence between shipping and the shipbuilding industry's interests, but the authorities who granted the guarantee had carefully considered the effect of such upon shipping. The Government did not consider that these new ships were likely to interfere with British vessels.

GOLD SALVAGE.

DIVERS' WORK ON WRECKED LINER.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

An interesting statement was made in the House of Commons by Mr. F. C. Davidson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Admiralty, that nearly five millions sterling of gold have been recovered by Admiralty divers from the wreck of the White Star liner *Laurentic*, which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the west coast of Ireland in 1917.

The exact value of the gold was £4,958,000, and the cost of salvage was £138,000. This included a bonus of £8,739 paid to the officers and men, who had carried out this task without loss of life or material.

NEW AIR SERVICES.

CAIRO TO KARACHI ROUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.

Sir Sefton Branner has passed through The Hague on his return from Sweden. In an interview he explained the details of the proposed Cairo-Karachi air route, adding that the service from Karachi to Rangoon would be undertaken by the Government of India. Sir S. Branner also discussed with Mr. Peleman, manager of the Dutch Aerial Navigation Company, the possibility of running a service from Singapore to Australia via the Dutch East Indies which, however, would be conditional on the result of negotiations with the Dutch and Dutch East Indies Governments.

Later Sir S. Branner sailed from Rotterdam for America, where he hopes incidentally to meet Folker, the famous aviator.

AFRICAN CAR TOUR.

JOURNEY OF SIXTEEN MONTHS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

The arrival in London yesterday of Major and Mrs. Courttreat, who recently completed the journey from Cape Town to Cairo in Crossley motor-cars, was the occasion of a demonstration of welcome at the Royal Automobile Club.

The expedition, which started in Autumn, 1924, took sixteen months to complete, and it is the first time that the journey has been made by motor.

Although many adventures are recorded by the tourists, and in some parts Mrs. Courttreat was the first white woman to enter them, no great difficulties were encountered during the journey, and apart from being on one occasion submerged in a river, there were no insuperable mechanical troubles.

SNOW-BOUND.

UNEVIABLE EXPERIENCES IN NEW YORK.

WILD WEATHER AT SEA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 10.

The city is snow-bound, the snow being a foot deep in some places. A thin string of motor vehicles is only able to crawl at a snail's pace along the roads, whilst pedestrians are walking in single file along the pavements between the banks of snow five feet high. Many of the main roads outside the city are closed to traffic. Trains on the Eastern States Railway are hours late.

Gangs of unemployed are trying to clear the snow, which continues to fall.

Wild weather prevails at sea, but only one wreck has so far been reported, a schooner being driven on the rocks of the Massachusetts coast, when several of the crew were drowned.

A BRITISH HERO.

MEDAL FOR "BRAVEST DEED OF THE YEAR."

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

The Stanhope Gold Medal, awarded by the Royal Humane Society for the "bravest deed of the year," has been given for 1925 to a Grimsby fisherman, named Duncan Souter.

He is a member of the crew of the steam trawler "Honoria," which was engaged in fishing 90 miles off Iceland in half a gale with heavy cross seas running. The mate was washed overboard, and was soon far astern of the vessel. He failed to reach the lifebuoy, and Souter plunged overboard, reached the lifebuoy, swam with it to his unconscious mate, and supported him until the vessel manoeuvred into a position from which it was possible to throw a line, by which both men were eventually got on board.

The Captain states that if the first attempt to throw the line had been unsuccessful it would have been impossible, owing to the wind and heavy seas, for a second attempt to have been in a position to effect a rescue. Extreme risk was incurred, it being impossible to launch a boat.

BOARD OF TRADE.

LAST MONTH'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 10.

The Board of Trade returns for January are as under:—

Imports £118,000,000

Exports £2,600,000,000

Re-exports £12,000,000

The figures for January 1925, were:—

Imports £129,000,000

Exports £2,690,000,000

Re-exports £13,000,000

SILK IMPORTS.

RUSH TO EVADE THE NEW DUTIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 10.

The rush of imports of silk goods last year after the impending imposition of the new tax had been announced in the Budget was the apparent reason for a question put by Sir Frederick Wise (Conservative, Erford) in the House of Commons as to whether such action would in future be circumvented.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in replying, said: "When the time comes it will be found that we have not overlooked the important matter of dumping."

RUM RUNNING.

SPAIN COMES INTO LINE WITH TREATY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Feb. 10.

A Treaty with Spain to prevent liquor smuggling has been signed by Mr. Frank A. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and the Spanish Ambassador. It is similar to the Treaties with Great Britain, Italy, and other countries.

Mrs. Salome R. F. Shallock of Philadelphia, while taking a caravan trip on the Sahara on New Year's Eve, was left stranded in the desert when her camel became suddenly ill. She was rescued by Harry Pollard, staff photographer of the "Empress of Scotland," when he took a long shot and went back to investigate a dark spot on the horizon.

PIRATES TO DIE.

SEQUEL TO THE "TUNGCHOW" OUTRAGE.

FOUR DEATH SENTENCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Feb. 10.

The French Mixed Court has pronounced sentence on the eight Chinese who were charged with having taken part in the piracy of the C. N. s.s. "Tungchow" at the end of last year.

Four of the men were sentenced to death.

The remaining four were handed over to be dealt with by the Chinese authorities and outlawed from the Concession.

It will be recalled that these eight men were arrested on board the C. N. s.s. "Soochow," on information received by the French police that members of the gang were returning to Shanghai to commit another atrocious crime. Four of them were identified in Court by Mr. Nisbet, first officer of the "Tungchow," and Mr. Scott, the second officer. Several of the passengers in Tientsin, to whom photographs of the prisoners were sent, also recognised accused. Their evidence, sent by post, was accepted by the Court.

The prisoners' defence was a complete denial that they were on board the pirated vessel. Four of them pleaded that they were in Waichow at the time. Those who put forward this plea declared that they had been officers in the anti-Bolshevik forces and had been reduced to poverty.

Mr. du Pae de Marsoilles, who with Mr. A. E. Seddon prosecuted on behalf of the "Tungchow" owners, the China Navigation Co., after describing the piracy, said that four of the men had been identified by two of the officers and several passengers. In the case of the other four they had an alibi. Yet they all returned to Shanghai in the same vessel and embarked at the same place. Waichow, from which four came, was well known to the Court as a nest of pirates.

HAGUE'S PMG.

A MONTH'S COMPULSORY LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.

The Postmaster-General at The Hague has been granted a month's compulsory leave of absence owing apparently to dissensions as regards internal administration with the responsible Minister.

The administration of the Department meantime has been entrusted to a directorium consisting of three permanent Departmental heads.

BULGAR LOAN.

NO APPROACH MADE TO BRITAIN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 10.

In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary (Sir Austen Chamberlain) was asked whether any approaches had been made to this country by the new Bulgarian Government with regard to a loan? He replied that no such approaches had been made.

CAPITAL FOR ITALY.

TO HELP HYDRO-ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 10.

It is understood that arrangements are virtually concluded with a group of American bankers for the issue of a loan of twenty million dollars to the Italian Credit Institute for the development of hydro-electrical enterprises in Italy. The bonds will probably bear interest at the rate of seven per cent.

ORGAN CONCERT.

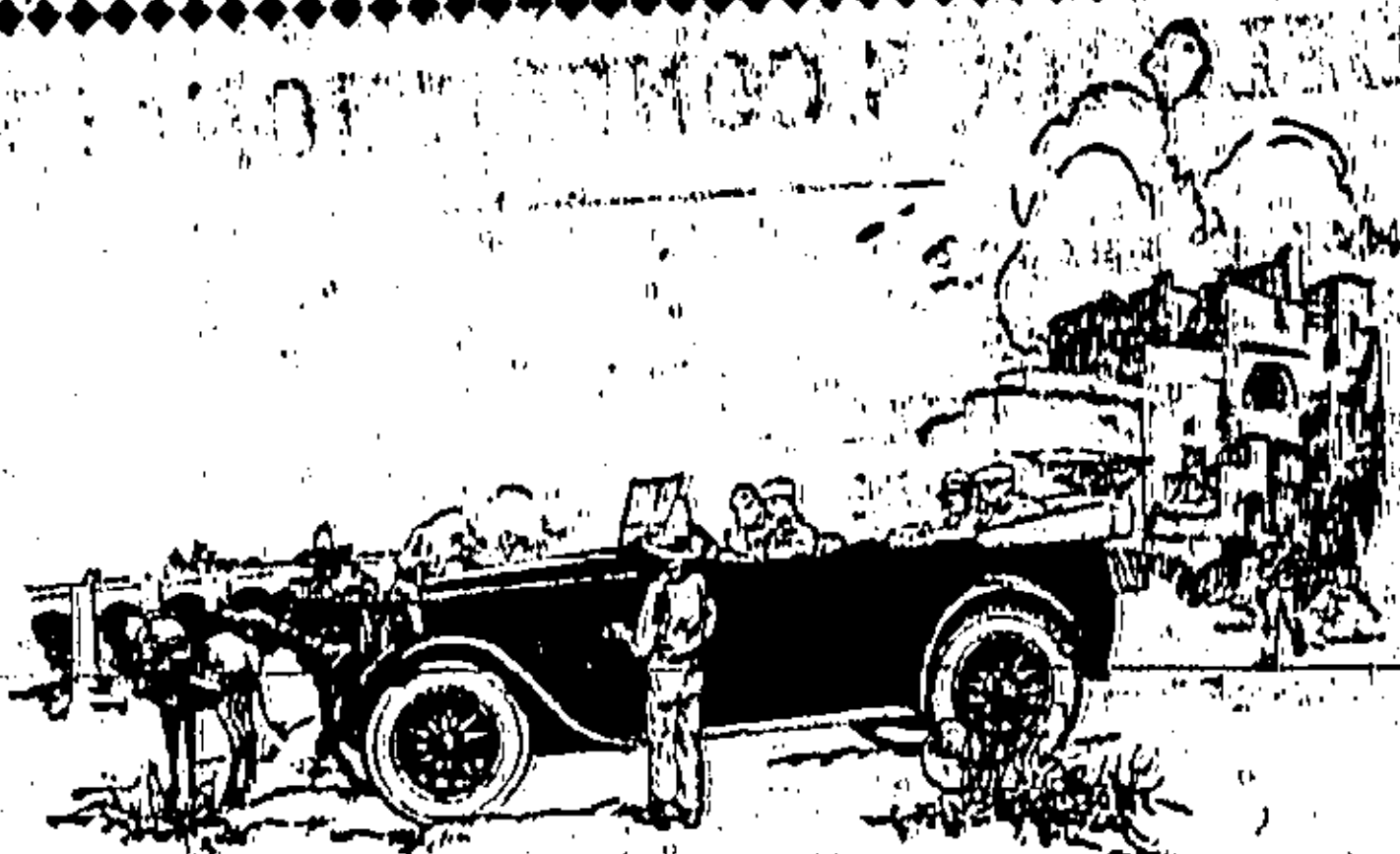
The fourth of the series of concerts in aid of St. John's Cathedral Organ fund, afforded another treat to the many who attended. Regret at the absence of Mrs. Bowen-Smith was felt, but the contributions of Mrs. Davies, who deputised for her, were excellently received.

The compositions of G. Schumann, Elgar, Chopin, Cyril Scott, John Ireland, Rachmaninov, Beethoven, Debussy, and Carew figured in the programme towards which two other talented artists contributed. Mr. A. M. Bowen-Smith and Mrs. N. Matheson.

Losing control of his machine at Seymour Road, a cyclist crashed into a motor car driven by Miss May Tung along Cairn Road yesterday. The rider escaped injury, but damaged his machine.

Until noon to-morrow, the weather forecast is N.E. wind, strong, generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

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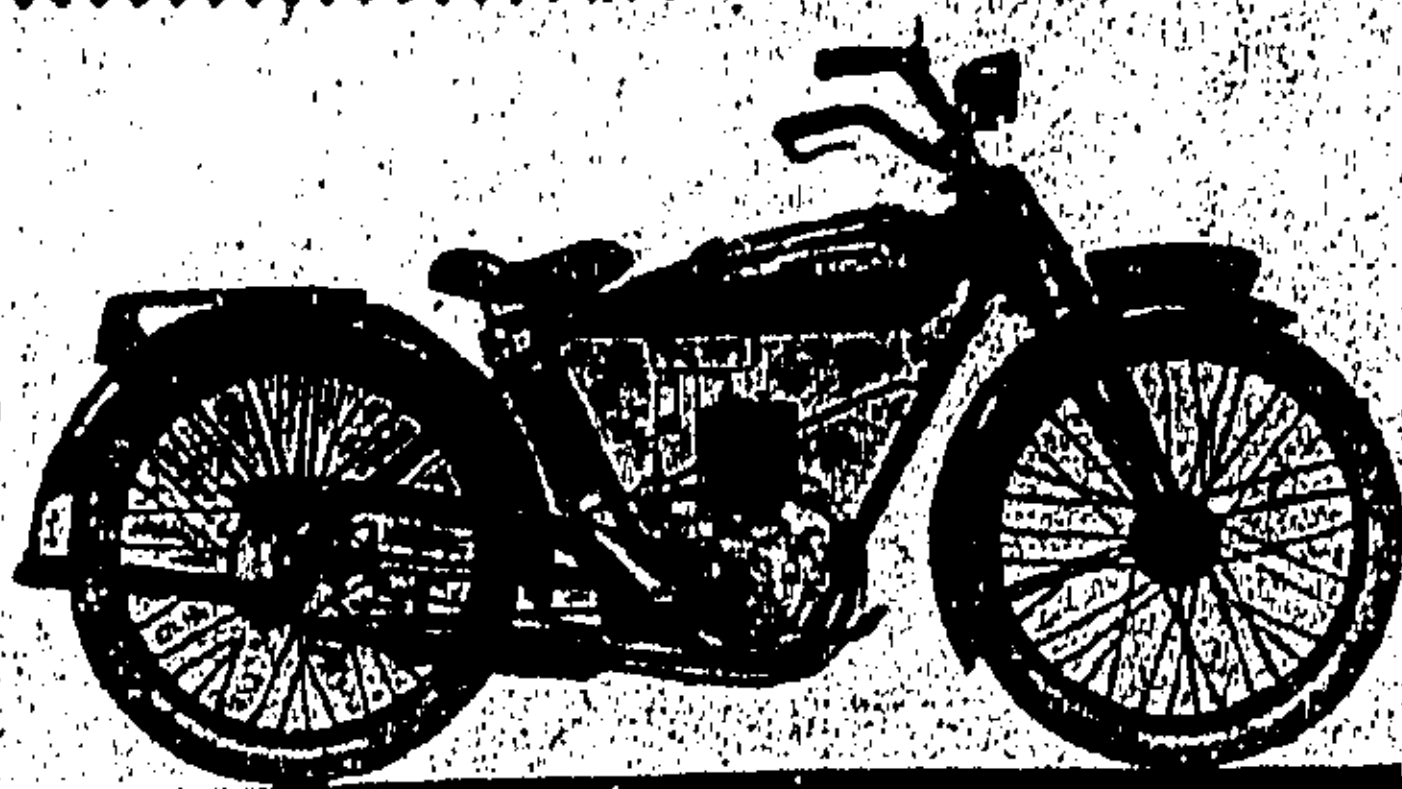
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Two passenger boats crossing the Zolder Zee were caught and held in the ice, and passengers continued their journey by walking over the ice to land.

Hampton Roads, Virginia, United States, has been selected as the place, and the week of October 24, 1926, as the date, for the next race for the Schneider Cup for seaplanes.

On or after February 16, legal proceedings will be taken against any person who installs and works without a licence any system of wireless telegraphy or telephony in the Settlement of Singapore.

On Sunday (second day of China New Year) members of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will meet to offer felicitous greetings ("Tuen Bai") at 3 p.m. and tea will be served.

From the "Glasgow Herald": The following schoolboy howlers were perpetrated at a recent examination:—

"Tertium quid is a legal term meaning six shillings and eightpence." "In his journey to Mount Zion Christian had a fight with a polygon." "Air is made up of oxygen and sanato-gen." "Henry VIII. had the Prayer Book put into English to spite the Pope, who wanted to marry Catherine of Arragon."

While the "Empress of Scotland" was in Singapore Sir Arthur Mayo-Robson, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., the eminent British surgeon who is aboard, was invited by his old friend, Sir Lawrence Guillemard, Governor of the Straits Settlements, to inspect the proposed British naval base. With Dr. William Turner, of London, a fellow-passenger and equally renowned as a physician and lecturer, they visited the site, declaring upon their return that the project is progressing "quite slowly" at the present time owing to the necessity of laying adequate groundwork. Disease and pestilence are being eliminated at the outset, they said, and with this accomplished the work will undoubtedly proceed rapidly.

Mr. J. C. Duncan of the Mercantile Bank is leaving Bangkok on transfer to Mauritius, and the new manager is due in Bangkok about the middle of next month.

Commander Ronald Neil Stuart, R.N.R., who has charge of the 25,000 tons tourist liner, "Empress of Scotland," holds both the V.C. and D.S.O. The conspicuous bravery for which he was awarded the coveted honour occurred while engaged in submarine work in 1917.

A cable message has been received from Glasgow, stating that the following candidates from Penang were successful at the Examinations of the Corporation of Accountants held in December last. A.C.R.A.: Mr. Thos. R. P. Dawson (Co-operative Societies Department, Penang). F.C.R.A.: Mr. Koh Khoo-ahk (Messrs. Soon Theam & Co., Penang.)

Reuben Brooks, of Gloucester, Mass., President of the Russia Cement Company, manufacturers of Le Page's Liquid glue, is the oldest passenger on the "Empress of Scotland," having celebrated his 83rd birthday, with a party, which all his fellow passengers attended, on January 29, just before arriving Batavia, Java. Among the first to extend him felicitations was Master David G. Chase, East Walpole, Mass., nine years old, the youngest passenger.

As a reward for her ability as a thinker and a writer, Miss Ella Mary Martine of Berkeley, California, one of the "Empress of Scotland" passengers, is making the world cruise as the winner of a world tour contest conducted by the San Francisco "Chronicle." She was elected the winner from more than 3,000 contestants and was awarded two round-the-world tickets on the "Empress of Scotland." She is accompanied by Miss Mary Helen Plettenberg, also of Berkeley. "I want to travel," Miss Martine wrote in her winning essay, "because I never had a real holiday in my life, and because ever since childhood I have dreamed of and thirsted for the beautiful. This same thirst for the beautiful, for perfection, for knowledge, still drives me onward, not only to widen my own horizon, but knowing how much more blessed it is to give than to receive, above all to give to my students the deeper inspiration and wider knowledge that can come only from travel."

The Colony had a clean Bill of Health for the 24 hours ended Tuesday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 23 amounted to 37,144 tons, and the sales to 38,039 tons.

Notice is given that all fire and marine insurance offices will be closed for the transaction of business on Saturday and Monday, February 13 and 15, 1926.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Saturday and Monday, February 13 and 15, 1926.

It is anticipated that the new mammoth wireless transmitting station at Kikee will be in working order by the middle of August. The station will be capable of sending messages at 1,000 words a minute, compared with about 40 words a minute on the present cable routes.

The overnight work of water thieves was evident on Wednesday morning when four out of seven boats moored near the Hongkong Yacht Club were found to be stripped of sails, ropes, anchors, and loose gear, the total loss being estimated at about \$1,000. The boats visited were Diana, Falcon, Why Wonder and Nymph.

A twelve-year-old European boy named H. Morris was charged at Penang, before Mr. C. W. A. Sennett, with vagrancy and with being found on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" in Penang Harbour and having no visible means of subsistence. Inspector Clifton said the boy had no money on him, and no relatives or friends in Penang. His father lived at Kuala Lumpur, whence the boy had run away. The boy denied that he had persistently run away from home and followed strangers. Mr. Sennett: If you do that, you will finish up in a reformatory at Singapore. You would not like that I can tell you. The boy was ordered to be sent to a house of detention until his father fetched him.

Lancaster Corporation has given free sites to firms who will erect houses for sale at 2485 each.

It is reported that the Australian Federal Parliament is not being transferred to Canberra until 1927, owing to the Government's desire to avoid a piecemeal transfer.

At the Singapore Boy Scouts' annual meeting, Mr. E. A. Brown, presiding, said he hoped that more enthusiasm would be shown by the heads of certain schools, who had not done all they might to make their troops a success. The accounts showed a surplus of \$972. The report was adopted.

One does not expect much of the last day of a Parliamentary term, (says "Observer") but Tuesday's sitting produced the best bull of the session, in the true line of Mrs. Quickly and Mrs. Malaprop. Sir J. M. Macdonald, the lion has lain down with the lamb, and I expect eventually they will both dine together in perfect comamuniquity.

"Empress of Scotland" passengers tell of an extraordinary astronomical phenomenon, which they witnessed the night they crossed the equator just west of Sumatra on January 27. A huge meteor streaked across the heavens in front of the vessel, becoming almost half the size of the full moon before it burst in a vast blaze of golden radiance. Mariners vowed it was the largest they had seen in any ocean.

Forty goats are slaughtered daily at the temple of Kail, patron goddess of Calcutta. She is a consort of Siva, one of the Hindu divine triad, a black figure with four arms, three red eyes and a pointed scarlet tongue, the tip of which reaches to her waist. Only blood appeases her, and while members of the "Empress of Scotland" across India party were in her courtyard on January 15 the first day of the Hindu month, a 23-year-old Indian lad plunged a knife through his jugular vein and dropped dead at her feet.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Giles Hewart, father of Lord Hewart of Bury, Lord Chief Justice, has died at Colwyn Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Povey, of Box-hill-on-Sea, on their diamond wedding received a congratulatory letter from the King.

Mr. E. E. Chambers, manager of the Penang branch of the Chartered Bank, is going home on leave by the "Mantua" on March 13. Mr. A. M. Cassels, who is due back in Penang in the near future, will be in charge during Mr. Chambers' absence.

Mr. D. Goldsmith was sentenced in February last to nine months' imprisonment, the allegation against him being that he had broken windows in the house of his mother-in-law. On the expiration of his sentence he was certified as a lunatic and taken to Park Prewett Asylum. He escaped to Ireland, and as he was free for over the statutory period of 14 days, he cannot be reclaimed by the asylum authorities unless a new certificate is obtained.

Nine of the "Empress of Scotland" passengers were guests, while the ship was in Singapore, of Rajah Horn, the rubber king of the sultanate of Johore. The rajah invited the party to his Johore palace, situated in a 198-acre garden overlooking a great artificial lake covered with water lilies. His gardens have more than 1,500 varieties of orchids. His guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. Harry West, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Lundquist, Jamestown, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kamman, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. A. M. Wichman, Bellerose, L.I.; Miss Marion G. Hemmon and R. B. Yerxa, New York City.

Aboard the "Empress of Scotland" is Arthur Bartlett Maurice, former Editor of "The Bookman" and more recently the last literary editor of the old "New York Herald." He is girdling the globe to write a series of articles, "Trailing Uncle Sam 'Round the World," for the "Outlook," an illustrated weekly of current life. Among his published books are "Fifth Avenue," "The New York of the Novelists," "The Paris of the Novelists," and "Bottled Up in Belgium," the last named a narrative of the author's personal experiences as a member of the American Relief Commission in Belgium.

Mr. George Cant, of Barkstone, Leicestershire, celebrated his 102nd birthday.

Rudolf Valentino's wife has divorced him on the ground of abandonment.

A silver cigarette case presented by his workers to Mr. C. P. Markham, the Derbyshire coal magnate, is a replica of a colliery coal tram.

It is learned that the Japanese Prince Regent's tour to the South Seas, Mandate Islands, which was arranged to be made next Autumn, has been abandoned, on account of press of Government business.

The fame of the Buddhist monk "miracle-worker" of Yenaylin is reported to have spread beyond Burma. The latest news speaks of "Jades from Bombay," as being among his converts, or patients.

Mr. B. Wolde, late secretary of the Malacca Club, contemplates a trip to Australia in the near future, for health reasons. Mr. E. J. T. Pearce, is at present acting as secretary of the Malacca Club, pending the arrival of the newly appointed secretary from home.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George has presented the Llanystumdwy Institute with a handsome cabinet gramophone and a large number of records. The Institute was given by Mr. Lloyd George to his boyhood village 13 years ago, and he takes considerable interest in its welfare.

Hon. Henry Morgenthau, C.B.E., LL.D., former Ambassador of the United States to Turkey, journeyed, with Mrs. Morgenthau, as far as Bombay aboard the "Empress of Scotland." He planned to remain in India about a month studying British colonial government. Previously he had been studying and writing of conditions in Palestine. He went to Delhi as a guest of Lord Reading.

Among the various entertainments which will take place in England in honour of Lord Irwin, the Viceroy-Designate, before his departure for India, was a dinner arranged by members of his three colleges—Eton, Christchurch, and All Souls. This was fixed for Tuesday last, to be held at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, under the chairmanship of Sir Walter Durnford, former of King's College, who was Lord Irwin's tutor at Eton.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

LADY RIDERS.

TO RACE OR NOT ON MONDAY?

"SOME ARE AFRAID!"

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—With reference to an article that appeared this week in a local paper concerning the propriety or otherwise of ladies riding in the Fanning Hunt Steeplechase, I am requested to state the following:—

(a) There are some who are afraid of being beaten by a lady.

(b) I am informed that, on hearing that certain riders (or others) objected, the lady endeavoured to withdraw her entry.

(c) And that, we, shown by our signatures, do not wish this lady to withdraw from the race, as by such action she would establish a precedent for future similar races.

We wish to add that we do not know this lady personally.

Yours, etc.,

FEMINAE.

Hongkong, Feb. 10.

THE NOBLE ART.

LOCAL FLEET BOXING DATES.

VENUE NOT FIXED.

Boxers in the China Squadron will all be before the public shortly as the local Naval tournaments are due to be held before the departure for a southern cruise on about March 7.

March 1, 2 and 8 have been fixed with a fourth day if necessary. The novices' competition will fill the first two days, to be followed by the Fleet, championship on the third day.

The contests will be staged both during the afternoons and evenings.

The open ring, at Murray Barracks is likely to be the venue but this has not been definitely decided.

GOLF INTERPORT.

TENTATIVE PICTURES AND TEAMS.

The Manila golf team, comprising Com. H. C. Train, U.S.N., Lieut. A. L. Benedict, J. R. H. Mason (captain), B. F. Few, G. M. Ivory, E. J. Nell and W. R. Cothran (reserve) will be here today to take part in the interport tournament with Hongkong and Shanghai.

The Hongkong v. Manila match will be played at Fanning on Saturday (singles) and Sunday (four ball foursomes).

Hongkong's team is—A. H. Ferguson (captain), L. W. Shewan, R. M. Smith, H. U. Ireland, W. Douglas, L. R. Andrews.

Shanghai's team is—M. W. Budd, J. B. Ferrier, A. R. Blinks, H. R. Malcolm, L. Farbury, J. F. Pilcher, Captain J. Dewar (reserve) and R. G. MacDonald (president and captain); who are due here tomorrow on the "President McKinley."

The Hongkong v. Shanghai and Manila v. Shanghai matches will probably be played on four successive days. There may be one or two changes in the Hongkong team for the match with Shanghai.

The interport golf dinner has been fixed for Feb. 18 and the visitors leave the next day.

HOLIDAY CRICKET TEAMS.

Below are given some more teams selected for the China New Year holidays:—

H.K.C.C. (home match) v. United Services on Saturday and Monday.

A. C. I. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, E. G. Lammert, H. V. Parker, T. E. Pearce, E. B. Reed, H. G. Sheldon, E. F. Stewart and G. R. Sayer.

Civil Service XI (away), "friendly" v. Kowloon, on Saturday.

F. J. de Rome (captain), B. D. Evans, E. C. Fincher, E. W. Hamilton, A. E. Wood, H. E. Strange, H. G. Wallington, F. E. Lawrence, B. C. K. Hawkins, R. S. Paterson and B. Baker. Reserves:—W. Bradley, B. Spillett and G. G. Edwards.

Civil Service (A) XI (home), Junior League, v. R.E., on Saturday.

W. H. Edmonds (captain), F. H. Harper, T. W. Carr, F. E. Booker, C. Sara, F. Haynes, E. W. Bastin, B. Spillett, J. C. Fletcher, W. Ursell and H. Westlake. Reserves:—A. A. Smith, H. Rose and W. Sayers.

SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB.

The Shek O Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes golf competition on Sunday (February 14) afternoon, post entries.

WITH THE HOUNDS.

"LAUGH IS NOW ON THE SCOFFERS."

PROMISES FOR MONDAY.

[By "Huntman" for the "China Mail"]

What is wanted out here now is a Surtees or even a "Pomponius Ego." We have really got hounds here at last and we really have hunts and we really do have sport. The project was laughed at when first mooted but the laugh is on the scoffers now. Several things have caused me surprise in this business. The first is the way in which a bull-mouthed China pony, discarded as a rogue from the racecourse, can take to hunting and learn really to like it; the second is the height these comic little animals can jump (I ride 13 stone, 7 lbs., and the steeplechase fences are four feet high in places); the third is the way a mixed pack of foxhounds and pointers get down to the line and run the field out, or breath. Anybody who can keep with them in a five or six mile point is a rider and has a good horse under him. I have noted eight falls in a field of eighteen—and nobody was hurt (beyond bruises, and I was the victim there). But, seriously, it has been a godsend to some of us to have a real use for a pony here. We do not race, we detest hacking over Wanchai Gap or round the sand-truck at Happy Valley, but now we can take a "racing dis, card" and make him or break him with hounds at Kwantia stables.

I find the Jockey Club bill for keep of ponies out there to be about two-thirds of that at Causeway Bay; also the ponies are generally fitter and the mafos more interested in the work.

At present the Hunt is mostly represented by the Royal Navy, certain sporting civilians and the Mounted Infantry. The Jockey Club has been most sporting in its ideas of support, and as a result of this, and of the personal ownership of the pack, subscriptions for membership are childishly low.

I am only really a visitor to Hongkong, and in due season I will hand over my ponies to a rider, and return to England. Meanwhile I have found the best sport in the Colony, and met, as a result, the most sporting people. The sound of the horn and the cry of hounds as they open on the line is a wonderful experience for anyone. For a man starved for hunting to take part in the interport tournament here, it is really delightful to follow over Kwantia Gap on a pony that means business.

I may quote some lines that stick in my memory, I hope I may be excused, but they were recalled to me in last Wednesday's second run:—

Your high-pricked ears as the jump appears are comforting things to see,

Your easy gallop and bending neck are signals flying to me,

You wouldn't refuse if it was wire with Calthrops down in front,

And there we are with a foot to spare—your best of all Hunt.

..... and I refer to a China pony—Bless his big heart! If he does not win in Monday's steeplechase meeting it will be because some one has bumped him accidentally at a fence or else fallen in front of him. Four feet of earth and bamboo is nothing to these ponies if the rider is good. (I should say, at once, that my ponies are being ridden by others—not by me). Two miles for all races (except for one two and a half), is hard going, and I expect some weary riders and ponies to canter home. But, all the same, they will get there all right.

Finally, I have heard that there has been a strike and a boycott—or something, at Hongkong. Of all gestures in retaliation or contempt I think this is the best. The Fanning Hounds are hunting two days a week with a bye and have made good. Best of luck to them, and when I get home I will try to get another couple sent out from the Hambleton.

MISS WILLS TO PLAY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 10.

The American Lawn Tennis Association has replied to Miss Helen Wills' cable, stating that she should continue to play. It is pointed out that the gambling connection anticipated in her match with Mlle. Lenglen and its commercialisation in connection with the purchase of the cinema rights, would not affect Miss Wills or Mlle. Lenglen.

TENNIS LUCK.

DRAW IN H.K.C.C. OPEN EVENTS.

LOCAL WHO'S WHO.

[By W.P.C.]

How the luck of the draw in the two open events in the forthcoming H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament has affected the chances of "possibles" is always an interesting question.

As has been the rule, there is no challenge round. The holder of the singles title, Captain C. H. D. O'Callaghan, has left the Colony. In the doubles, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (champions) will have to play through.

From the point of view of attraction, i.e., to keep the best players as far apart as possible, the organisers seem to have been very fortunate. I believe there is no "cooking the draw" here as is done in America where the "big uns" are put into different sections to ensure their not crossing one another till late in the tournament.

T. Honda, the 1924 champion, is in the top half of the singles. Ng Sze-kwong, champion for several seasons till 1923, is in the lower half.

On paper, Ho Ka-lau looks good enough for the fourth round.

Ng Sze-cheong (brother of the ex-champion), who played at Wimbledon as S. C. Wu and who "extended" Honda last year, ought to have a smooth passage to the fourth round.

Either "Sammy" Green (another ex-champion) or H. D. Rumjahn should come up against Honda in round 4. On form young Rumjahn looks as though he will be the first man asked to put the Japanese player through his paces for the right of entering the semi-final.

Ng Sze-kwong should also reach the 4th round where his opponent is likely to be S. A. Rumjahn.

There are several players of repute in the bottom quarter, including Major Hattersley-Smith, I. M. Razak, Captain West, M. W. Lo, H. Yoshida and Dr. R. E. Tottenham. The last-named has played in public in doubles when he did not give the impression of being better at singles.

J. A. Cassumbhoy is one of the newer I.R.C. tennis players who will make a name for himself. On his current form he should get to the third round where he will meet Ng Sze-kwong. It is not thought that he will beat the ex-champion but he will put up a good game and the experience will do him good.

THE OPEN DOUBLES.

In the open doubles, R. Hancock is partnered with Redmond and they will be fairly hard to tackle.

Three strong pairs are in the second quarter of the draw, namely, the Lo brothers, Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun and the Rumjahns. Each pair has the advantage of always having played together. The Indian lads look the best and should reach the final.

Any of the following may get through to the lower semi-final:—the brothers Ng, Captain West and Lt. Col. Montague Bates, A. D. Humphreys and Tottenham, Honda and Yoshida. No pair seems strong enough to dispose of the Rumjahns unless it be a Chinese pair.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

HERIOTS WIN AGAIN.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 23.

The following are the results of the principal matches played in the rugby union to-day:—

Bath 14, Cras Keys 6.

Birmingham 35, Northern 0.

Bristol 7, Royal Air Force 0.

Coventry 35, Old Alleynians 8.

Cuy's Hospital 6, Gloucester 3.

Harlequins 19, Cambridge University 8.

Leicester 8, Army 5.

Moseley 19, Old Edwardians 8.

Newport 8, Penarth 7.

Plymouth 26, St. Thomas' Hospital 8.

Richmond 8, London Scottish 5.

St. Bart's 8, Bradford 6.

Portsmouth Services 20, Blackheath 0.

Chatham Services 4, Rosslyn Park 9.

Bridgend 0, Aberavon 11.

Portpool 6, Abertillery 0.

Cardiff 14, Neath 9.

Edinburgh University 16, Heriot's 18.

Clanella 10, Swansea 6.

Lancashire 3, Cumberland 8 (at Waterloo, in the county championship).

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND.

REPLAYS AND LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 10.

The draw for the third round proper of the Scottish Football Association Cup (to be played on February 20) is:—

Dumbarton v. Clyde.

Third Lanark v. Brechin.

Falkirk v. Rangers.

Morton v. Albion.

Aberdeen v. St. Johnstone.

Bathgate v. Airdrieonians.

Hearts v. Celtic.

St. Mirren v. Partick.

[Note:—Celtic are the holders.]

Replays to-day, of drawn games in the second round, resulted:—

Dumbarton 4, Forfar 1.

Bathgate 3, Boness 1.

Peoples Rovers 0, Albion 4.

Dundee 0, Aberdeen 3.

[Note:—Dundee were runners-up last year.]

League matches played to-day resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Everton 1, Manchester City 1.

Division II.

Chelsea 1, Clapton Orient 3.

Southampton 2, Derby 1.

Division III (South).

Crystal Palace 4, Newport 2.

Scottish League.

Kilmarnock 2, Celtic 1.

Hearts 4, Hamilton 0.

Morton 2, Hibernians 5.

Ruth 2, St. Johnstone 2.

Rangers 1, Airdrieonians 2.

The respective league tables now stand:—

English League.

Division I.

Team. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Huddersfield 26 13 9 4 57 42 35

Sunderland 26 15 5 6 57 50 35

Arsenal 26 14 5 7 56 48 33

Sheffield U. 26 13 5 8 56 59 33

Aston Villa 26 11 8 7 60 49 30

Newcastle U. 26 11 8 7 59 51 30

Manch. U. 26 13 4 9 41 30

Bury 26 14 2 11 41 30

Everton 26 10 8 8 56 58 30

W. Bromwich 27 11 7 9 48 50 29

Bolton W. 27 12 5 10 50 29

Tottenham 27 11 7 9 47 51 29

Liverpool 26 9 8 9 51 58 27

Leeds U. 26 10 4 12 45 36 24

Cardiff City 26 10 4 12 45 36 24

West Ham 26 10 4 12 45 36 24

Leicester 26 8 7 13 45 60 24

Wolverhampton 26 8 7 13 45 60 24

Sheff. Wed. 26 8 7 13 45 60 24

Blackburn 26 6 12 53 58 21

Division II.

Wednesday 27 13 3 6 66 31 39

Derby C. 27 15 5 7 57 30 37

Chelsea 27 13 8 6 57 34 34

South Shields 27 14 3 10 52 41 31

Blackpool 27 13 5 10 52 41 31

Oldham 26 13 5 10 52 41 31

Portsmouth 27 12 6 9 55 50 30

Swansea 27 12 6 9 55 50 30

Hull City 27 12 4 11 45 37 28

Vidalebro 27 14 4 10 54 38 28

Port Vale 27 12 5 10 52 41 31

Bradford C. 27 10 7 10 52 41 31

Wolves 26 11 4 11 43 41 26

Darlington 27 9 11 44 50 25

Southampton 26 9 13 42 46 24

Stoke 26 9 11 39 47 24

Barnsley 27 10 8 11 41 52 24

Preston 27 10 2 15 42 65 22

Notts Forest 27 7 6 14 30 42 22

Clapton 26 9 2 15 32 58 20

Fulham 27 7 6 14 30 42 22

Stockport 27 8 7 12 39 62 21

Division III (South).

Goals.

Reading 27 15 8 4 46 30 38

Bristol C. 27 14 8 5 47 31 36

Plymouth 26 14 7 5 47 30 35

Brighton 26 13 6 7 51 40 35

Birmingham 26 13 4 11 57 45 32

Wid. 26 13 4 11 57 45 32

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"QUANT JE PUIS."

OLD SCHOOL MOTTO FOR HONGKONG.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

Speaking on behalf of Mrs. Bird at the annual prize-giving of the Anglo-French School (St. Paul's Institution) yesterday, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird said he was reminded of the French motto of Stoneyhurst College, "One of the great Catholic Schools of England."

It was "Quant je puis," which meant "as much as I can," or "I can do my best." Mr. Bird evoked much laughter when he said that the motto was put up in the dining room of the school with the result that the fees had to be increased.

Mr. Bird remarked that the school had been noted for turning out useful members of the community and emphasised the danger of leaving school too soon.

Among those present were Mr. L. Forster (University Registrar), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Inspector of Schools), Chev. J. M. Alves, the very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, and the Rev. Fr. Valorta.

Extracts from the annual report, read by Mr. W. G. Fitzgibbon (of the Colonial Secretariat), manager of the school, are:—

January 7, 1925.—260 pupils; highest on roll 270 (record); average attendance good; children were more regular.

The school was affected very little by the strike; school broke up in June on account of traffic stoppage; re-opened one week sooner after vacation to make up.

Staff:—In October last, two qualified sisters arrived from Europe.

Inspections and Examinations:—The school premises were again reported as excellent and very clean and the discipline very good. Script writing was introduced and proved successful. Drawing was good throughout; the introduction of colour work being particularly a success.

The Kindergarten class is also doing good work, the clay modelling showing in a special manner the development of the faculty of observation. The report of the Medical Inspector, Dr. Vaden, shows that the health of the pupils is excellent.

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People and Events in the News of the World



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An ancient trade route between Carthage and the Sahara has been discovered by Count and Countess de Prorok. He discovered and opened the tomb of Tin Hinar, semi-legendary ancestress of all the Taurags, and sent the be-jewelled skeleton to Paris.



JULIA VETTERLEIN
& SING FOO

Chinatown, in New York, is being "combed" following the mysterious disappearance of Julia Vetterlein, newly arrived from Germany. She was last seen with Sing Foo, wealthy art student and oriental "sheik."



MAX CAREY & WALTER JOHNSON

Instead of tossing the horseshoe, Walter Johnson, of the Washington baseball team, is tossing the horseshoe. With Max Carey, of the Pirates, and other big league stars, Johnson is spending the winter at Daytona.



MRS BEATRICE SELFIDGE & VISCOUNT DE SIBOUR

Beatrice Selfridge, daughter of Gordon Selfridge, merchant prince of London, is to be the bride of Viscount de Sibour, whose brother married a sister of the bride-to-be.



RABBI STEPHEN WISE

Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York, declares that, contrary to Hebraic teachings, Jesus of Nazareth was not a myth, but was a man and that the Jews must accept His teachings as a man. He denied, however, that this meant that Christ was divine or that the tenets of Christianity were acceptable.



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ABBOT SANYU OTANI

S. W. Straus, the famous financier, emphatically denied there is an overbuilding crisis and declares that prophecies of disaster are more dangerous than Bolshevism. General S. D. Butler has left the Marine Corps to continue as head of the Philadelphia police. Grand Duke Nicholas, pretender to the Russian throne, is seriously ill at Vienna. Sanyu Otani, abbot of Shin Shu Temple, Tokyo, paid his respects to President Coolidge at the White House.

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By Order,
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Kowloon, 9th February, 1926.

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Shanghai. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12. Sinking

Shanghai and Europe via Suez. Kishira Maru
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14. Leiting

EUROPE via Negapatam (Letters only London 14th Jan.)

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. Pres. Garfield

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FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11. T.M.

Shanghai. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12. 5 p.m.

Batavia and Celebes (Parcel 10 a.m.) 9.30 a.m.

Letters 11 a.m. Sankha

Shanghai. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14. 2.30 p.m.

Batavia. 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO due San Francisco, 10th Mar. and Europe via Suez. (Letters and Postcards only) at 11 a.m. (Ship sails on Chinese New Year Day, the 13th inst., at 5 p.m.) 2.30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14. Pres. Pierce

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 2.30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15. Pres. Garfield. 5 p.m.

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ON THE RHINE.

STRENGTH OF OCCUPIED TROOPS.

EXTENT OF REDUCTION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Ruehy, Feb. 10.

Questions were put in the House of Commons to the Foreign Secretary (Sir Austen Chamberlain) whether the Allied troops in the occupied areas of Germany were to be reduced.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the numbers of the armies of occupation were actually 74,500 men, or very close to that figure.

It was not the case, as had been stated in some newspapers, that the Governments of the occupying Powers had decided to fix at, or at about that figure, the total of the effectiveness of the second and third zones. In fact, at the Conference of Ambassadors it was stated that the effectiveness would be considerably reduced, and the reduction would be to a figure approaching normal.

The occupying Powers were giving attention to the various problems involved with a view to appreciable reductions of the existing number of troops as soon as the Treaties of Locarno had been ratified, and the measures of amelioration introduced into the regime of occupation had a natural pacifying effect on the situation within the occupied territory.

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General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1926.

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1926.